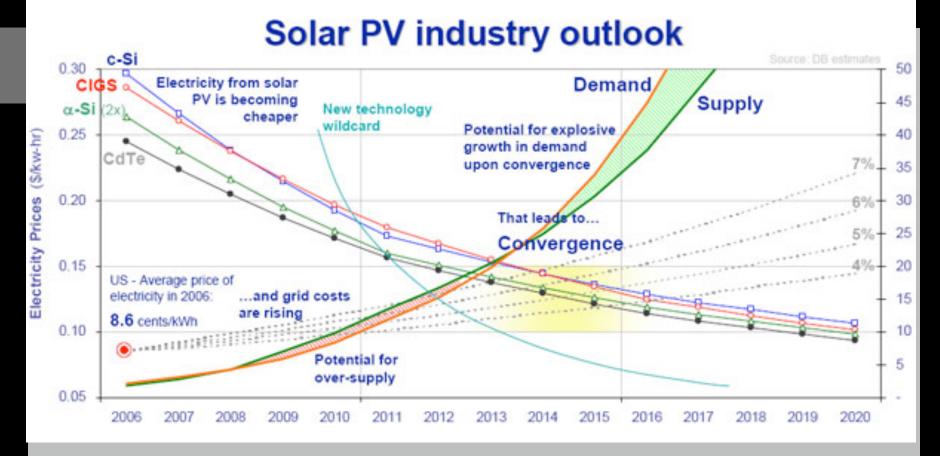


# The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) CERAB- Routt County—Sept 21st, 2009

**Seth Portner, Deputy Director** 

"The Mission of the Governor's Energy Office is to lead Colorado to a New Energy Economy through energy efficiency, renewable and clean energy resources"







## \$8 a watt solar





## \$5.50 a watt solar pre-incentives





ROI of 6% annually at current energy costs without full energy utilization





What the ARRA will mean for Colorado

## **BRINGING IT HOME**





### 3 Primary Energy Formula Driven Funds

- State Energy Program
  - National Investment of \$3.1B
  - Colorado receives \$49.2M (before ARRA: \$500k/yr)
- Low Income Weatherization
  - National Investment of \$5B
  - Colorado receives \$79.5M (before ARRA: \$9M/yr)
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants
  - National Investment of \$3.2B
  - Colorado receives \$42.6M



Expanding GEO's existing services

## **WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**





- 10,000 homes are weatherized each year
- Participating homes receive energy efficiency measures such as insulation and appliances
- Representation in 64 counties in Colorado
- Single family and mobile homes, multi family up to 4 attached units, rentals
- Currently managed through 8 soon to be 11 partner agencies located throughout Colorado







- from \$2,500 max/house to \$6,500 max per house
- eligibility changed from 150%
   Federal Poverty Level to 200%
   FPL





## Going In-





## Attic Insulation- Colorado









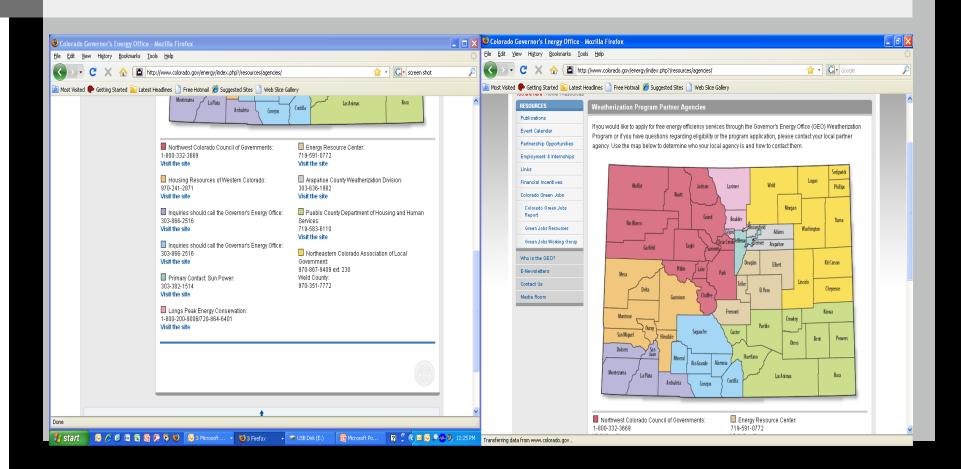


## **Results After Weatherization**

- Direct savings of 20-40% on energy bills
- Frees up family's funding for use in community
- Home is more comfortable, valuable and safer
- Permanent investment that creates long-term value
- Local jobs created

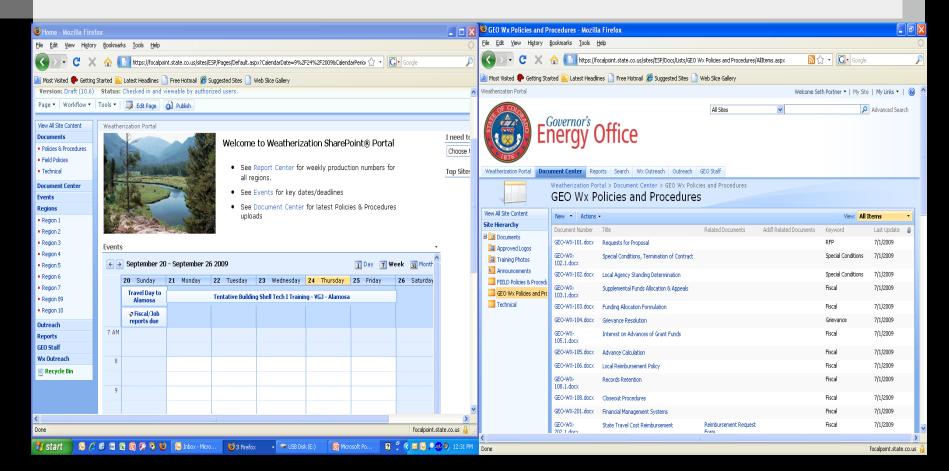


#### Weatherization Resources



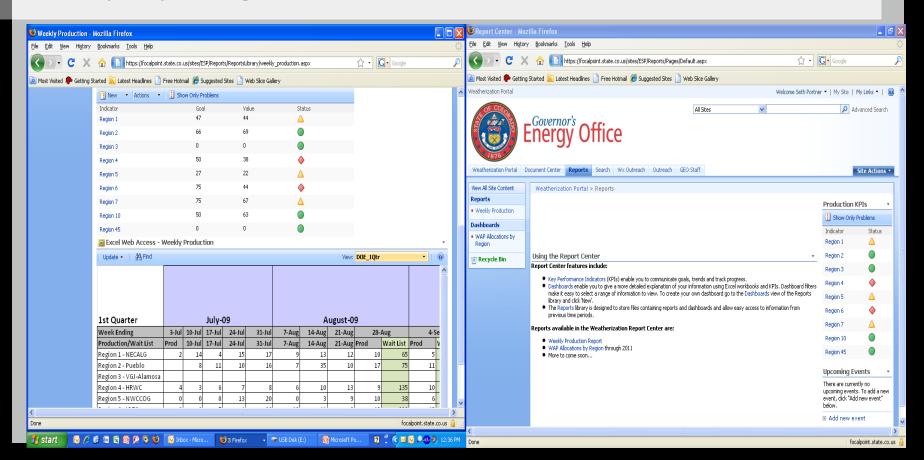


#### Focal Point Online Management System





### Weekly Reporting





#### **Additional Oversight Protocol**

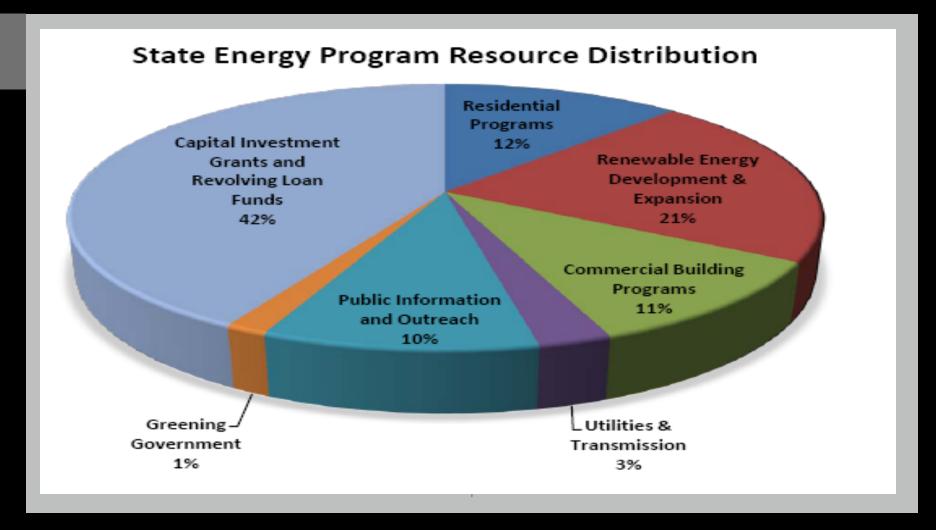
- DOE requires annual site visits- Colorado does monthly visits
- DOE requires 5% monitoring of homes- Colorado aims for a minimum of 10% and higher as required
- DOE requires an internal audit of procedures once a year-Colorado does 2



Changing the way we think about energy

## **STATE ENERGY PLAN**



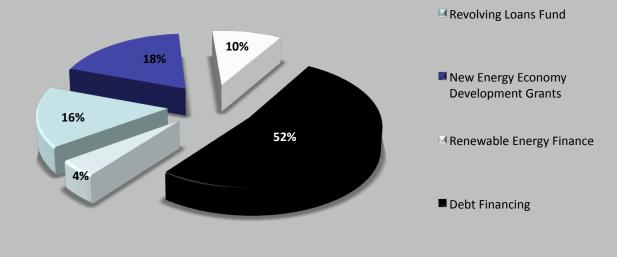




# Financing/Capital Investments - \$19.2M



#### **Finance & Capital Investment Grants**

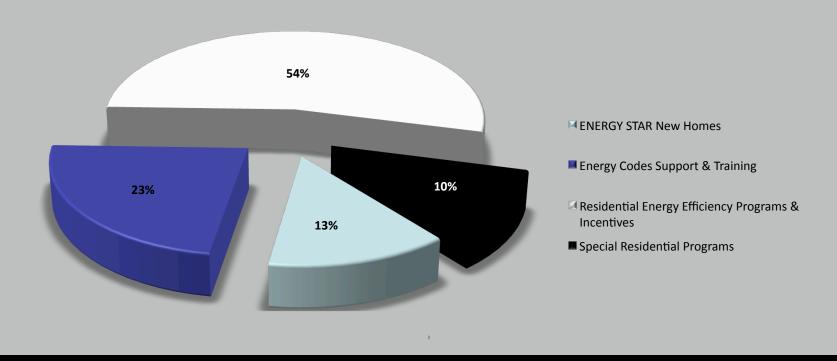


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# Residential Programs -\$5.7M

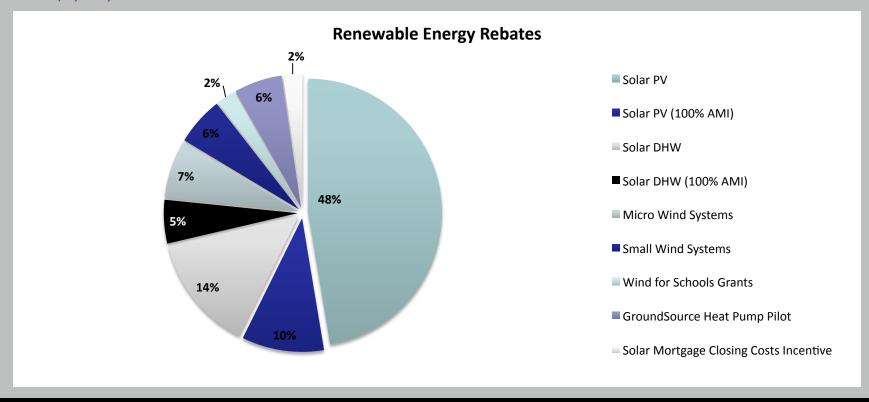
#### **Residential Programs**





# Renewable Energy - \$9.8M

**\$9,775,334** 







## **Renewable Energy Development Team**

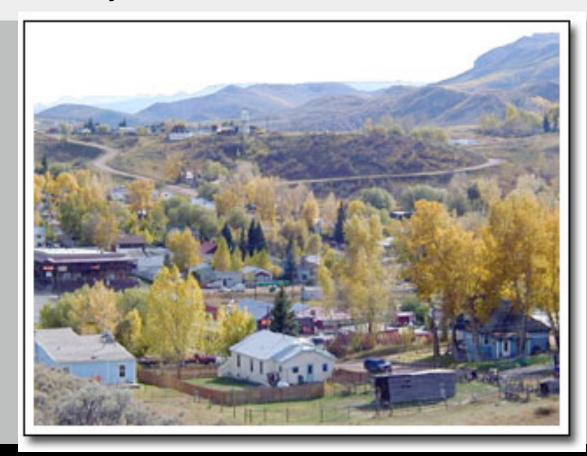
Phase 1 - Initial project development review. Phase 1 essentially is a high level "go/no go" project screen that will determine the highest potential projects for development. For each of the technology areas, the REDT will develop a framework to screen projects.

#### Phase 2- Development assistance for a feasibility study.

Phase 2 is the beginning stages of a business plan for the project. It is anticipated that the REDT will review approximately 80 Phase 1 projects of which roughly 50% will move on to Phase 2.



## The Oak Creek Project





## Coal Boiler at the Local School Campus



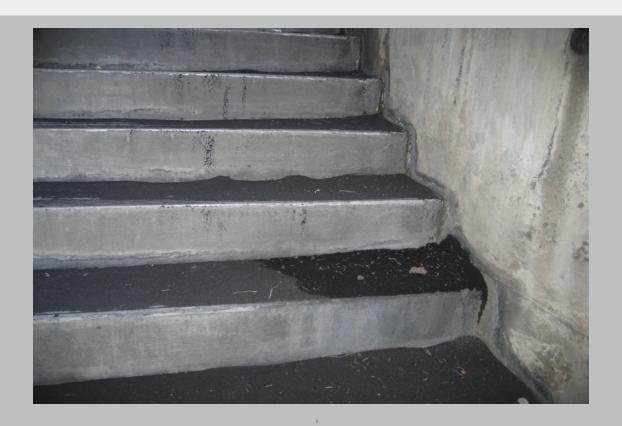


## Ash and Clinkers...



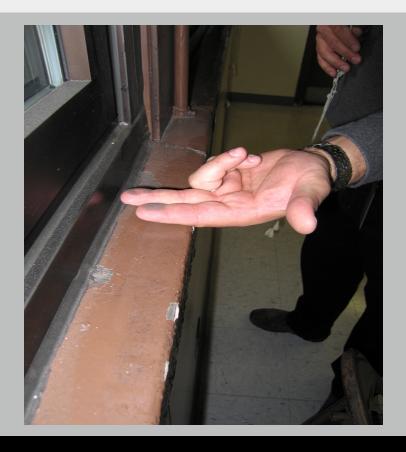


## Coal Ash



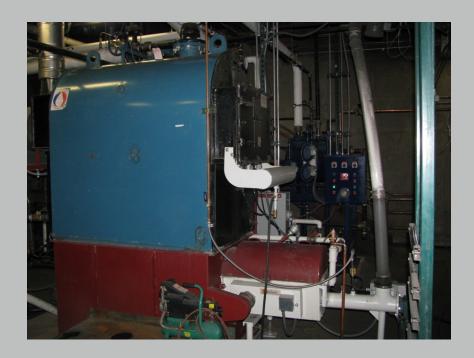


## Coal Ash in the Classroom





## **New Boiler**





## Pellet Silo





## Beetle Kill Lodgepole- Kremmling, Colorado





## Trees





## **Becoming Pellets-**





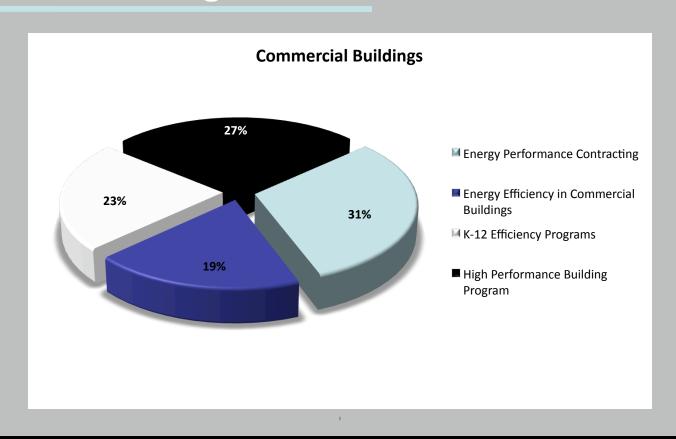
## Utilization-







## Commercial Buildings - \$4.9M





## Access to Information - \$4.7M



57 Utilities, 271 Municipalities, 64 Counties

Web-based interface

Call Center Hotline

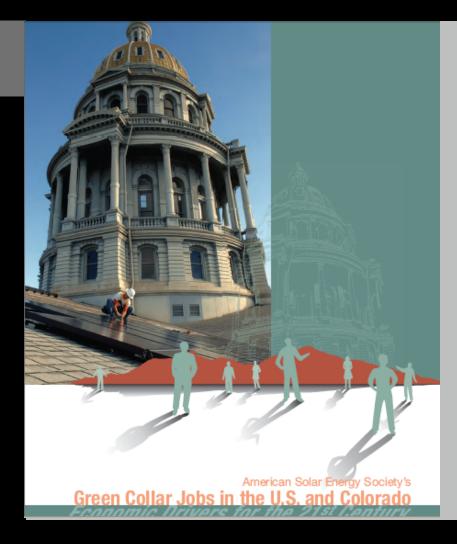
Consumer Education and Outreach



# The GEO Approach to Building a State Energy Plan







ASES/MISI Study: Colorado 'Green Collar Jobs' forecast: 613,000 jobs from renewable energy and energy efficiency by 2030



Communities get into the game

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS



# **Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**

\$42,618,700 total to Colorado

\$ 32,878,300 directly to 20 cities and 10 counties, based on a population-related formula grant

\$ 9,593,500 to the state energy office, of which GEO will issue no less than \$5,756,100 in subgrants to non-entitled municipalities and counties

Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation, Colorado \$ 71,900

CO/NM/UT Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah \$ 75,000

Nationwide Competitive Grants to be announced in the fall 2009

\$400M – state, all local governments \$50M – non-entitled local governments



#### Colorado Governor's Energy Office EECBG Assistance



#### **Local Programs Manager**

Assistance with EECBG requirements and application

Common policy, statewide issues

Statewide EE and Conservation Strategy document

#### **Regional Representatives**

EE and RE technical assistance and program development guidance

Customized local / regional EE and Conservation Strategy document



## Cities with Direct EECBG Allocations

Arvada	\$951,900	Grand Junction	\$229,800
Aurora	\$2,851,300	Greeley	\$869,100
Boulder	\$1,017,800	Lakewood	\$1,326,100
Broomfield	\$516,600	Littleton	\$182,500
Castle Rock	\$174,800	Longmont	\$785,100
Centennial	\$922,900	Loveland	\$606,400
Colorado Springs	\$3,666,100	Parker	\$172,400
Commerce City	\$185,200	Pueblo	\$1,007,000
Denver	\$6,079,500	Thornton	\$965,500
Fort Collins	\$1,307,900	Westminster	\$952,800



## **Counties with Direct EECBG Allocations**

Adams	\$683,800
Arapahoe	\$633,000
Boulder	\$462,200
Douglas	\$757,800
El Paso	\$1,937,700
Garfield	\$227,500
Jefferson	\$2,212,100
Larimer	\$364,200
Mesa	\$359,800
Weld	\$616,400



#### Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs)

CREBs were originally approved by the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008. The ARRA increased the new CREB authorization from \$800M to \$2.4billion

CREBS are essentially zero interest tax credit bonds for RE projects in which the interest is paid for by the Federal government. (In practice, they are more like 1-2% including transaction costs.)

They can be issued by state and local governments, public power providers, coops, and CREB lenders.

Presently there is no guidance yet from the IRS about the application process or timing of CREBs.

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#### Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs)

Like CREBs, QECBs were also created by the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008. The ARRA increased the QECB appropriation to \$3.2 billion. Colorado \$51,244,000 allocation\*.

Distributed: 1/3 governmental bodies, 1/3 public power providers, 1/3 coops. Key differences are:

- CREBs finance RE projects
- QECBS finance green community programs

#### QECBs can be used for:

Any project that qualifies for a CREB, projects that reduce energy consumption in public buildings by at least 20%, green community programs, rural RE projects, mass commuting projects, public education, and demonstration projects.

Source: https://www.gkbaum.com/renewableEnergy/QECB%20Allocations.pdf



#### **Routt and North West Activities**

- NWCOG weatherization agency \$1.5M ARRA
- Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt approximately \$120,000 grant
- Grand, Jackson, Clear Creek, Gilpin approximately \$100,000 grant
- City of Steamboat Springs, Yampa Valley Sustainability
  Council and Mountain Energy Consultants form the Routt
  County ESNH partnership



Entity Name	Status	County
East Grand 2	TEA	Grand
North Park R-1	Construction	Jackson
Hayden Re-1	M&V	Routt
Routt, County of	TEA	Routt
South Routt Re 3	M&V	Routt
Steamboat Springs Re-2	Introduction	Routt
Steamboat Springs, City of	TEA	Routt
Yampa, Town of	Introduction	Routt



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